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SUBJECT: NOON PRESS BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

1. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT THE NOON PRESS
BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18.

PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED TODAY AT 11:00
O'CLOCK THIS MORNING HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Q. ANYTHING ON PANAMA? TELL US ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS,
THE SUBSTANCE OF THEM. A. I CAN'T REALLY, KEN.

Q. YOU EXPECT IT TO END WHEN? A. I GUESS THEY ARE GOING
TO GO UNTIL THEY COMPLETE THIS ROUND AND HAVE NOTHING MORE
TO TALK ABOUT IN THIS ROUND.

Q. HOW LONG DO YOU EXPECT THIS ROUND TO LAST? A. I DON'T
HAVE AN EXPECTATION. LET'S SEE. THEY WENT THREE DAYS
LAST WEEK. NOW THEY ARE STARTING IN THE SECOND PART OF
THIS ROUND. I WOULDN'T SPECULATE ON HOW LONG, WHETHER IT
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BE ONE DAY OR A WEEK.

Q. DO THEY EXPECT TO WRAP IT UP THIS TIME? A. I DON'T
HAVE ANY EXPECTATION. WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS.

Q. IN WHAT AREAS? A. NEGOTIATORS, OUR NEGOTIATORS START-
ING THIS MORNING ARE TALKING TO THEIR PANAMANIAN COUNTER-

PARTS PRESUMABLY GETTING THE OFFICIAL EXPOSITION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, WE BELIEVE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES STILL REMAIN TO BE DISCUSSED AND I THINK ANY SPECULATION ON MY PART WOULD BE PREMATURE.

Q. IT WOULDN'T BE SPECULATION TO OUTLINE SOME OF THE AREAS WHERE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, FRED. A. I CAN'T. I JUST DON'T KNOW, KEN. I AM SORRY.

Q. IT IS PART OF THE OPEN ADMINISTRATION. A. OKAY.

2. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WERE ASKED.

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